



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re patent application of: )  
Alan Rezach et al. ) Before the Examiner  
) (unknown)  
)  
Application No. 10/720,771 )  
)  
Filed: November 24, 2003 ) Group Art Unit 3738  
)  
)  
GROMMET ASSEMBLY ) April 13, 2004

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to Mail Stop, Commissioner for Patents, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on

13 April 2004

Date of Deposit

Christopher A. Brown

Name of Registered Representative

Christopher A. Brown

Signature

13 April 2004

Date of Signature

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Mail Stop  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

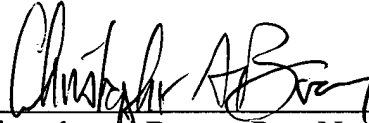
Sir:

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure embodied in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant discloses the references identified on the enclosed Information Disclosure Statement. This information has not been previously submitted in this application, and has not been heretofore cited by the Examiner. Copies of those references have been provided pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98 (d).

The filing of this Information Disclosure Statement shall not be construed as an admission that the information cited is, or is considered to be, material to patentability as defined in §1.56(b).

This Statement is being submitted within three months of the filing date of the application and/or prior to the mailing of any Office Action on the merits. It is believed that no fee is required for consideration of the submitted items. Should any fee be required, however, please charge such fee to Deposit Account No. 23-3030, but not to include any payment of issue fees.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Christopher A. Brown", is written over a horizontal line.

Christopher A. Brown, Reg. No. 41,642  
Woodard, Emhardt, Moriarty  
McNett & Henry LLP  
Bank One Center Tower  
111 Monument Circle, Suite 3700  
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204-5137  
(317) 634-3456



Sheet	2	of	2
-------	---	----	---

<b>Application Number</b>	10/720,771
<b>Filing Date</b>	November 24, 2003
<b>First Named Inventor</b>	Alan Rezach
<b>Group Art Unit</b>	3738
<b>Examiner Name</b>	not yet known
<b>Attorney Docket Number</b>	4002-3317

Examiner Signature		Date Considered	
-----------------------	--	--------------------	--

004002-003317.CAB.267026

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number

Substitute for form 1449A/PTO  <b>INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT</b>  <i>(use as many sheets as necessary)</i>				<i>Complete if Known</i>	
				Application Number	10/720,771
				Filing Date	November 24, 2003
				First Named Inventor	Alan Rezach
				Group Art Unit	3738
				Examiner Name	not yet known
Sheet	1	of	2	Attorney Docket Number	4002-3317

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS					
Examiner Initials*	Cite No. <sup>1</sup>	Document Number Number-Kind Code <sup>2</sup> (if known)	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Application of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
		US-4,569,338	02/11/86	Edwards	
		US-4,827,918	05/09/89	Olerud	
		US-5,047,029	09/10/91	Aebi et al.	
		US-5,053,034	10/01/91	Olerud	
		US-5,254,118	10/19/93	Mirkovic	
		US-5,261,909	11/16/93	Sutterlin et al.	
		US-5,527,314	06/18/96	Brumfield et al.	
		US-5,534,002	07/06/96	Brumfield et al.	
		US-5,562,662	10/08/96	Brumfield et al.	
		US-5,634,925	06/03/97	Urbanski	
		US-5,643,263	07/01/97	Simonson	
		US-5,643,264	07/01/97	Sheman et al.	
		US-5,885,285	03/23/99	Simonson	
		US-5,947,967	09/07/66	Barker	
		US-5,976,135	11/2/99	Sherman et al.	
		US-5,980,521	11/9/99	Montague et al.	
		US-6,183,473	02/06/01	Ashman	
		US-6,210,413	04/03/01	Justis et al.	

Examiner Initials*	Cite No. <sup>1</sup>	Foreign Patent Document Country Code <sup>3</sup> -Number <sup>4</sup> -Kind Code <sup>5</sup> (if known)	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Application of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	T <sup>6</sup>

Examiner Signature		Date Considered	
--------------------	--	-----------------	--

EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

<sup>1</sup> Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). <sup>2</sup> See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at [www.uspto.gov](http://www.uspto.gov) or MPEP 901.04. <sup>3</sup> Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). <sup>4</sup> For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. <sup>5</sup> Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST.16 if possible. <sup>6</sup> Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

Burden Hour Statement: This form is estimated to take 2.0 hours to complete. Time will vary depending upon the needs of the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you are required to complete this form should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, Washington, DC 20231. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.